

571—16.9(461A,462A) Exceptions for renewal of Class III and Class IV permits for existing docks. This rule provides certain exceptions to length limits, hoist limits and platform size limits for docks and hoists that lawfully existed before the effective date of the limits. Criteria for exceptions to offset requirements are separately listed in subrule 16.9(2).

16.9(1) Class III and Class IV permits shall include exceptions as needed to provide continuing authorization for docks and hoists that were lawfully installed and maintained before the effective date of certain requirements as set forth in this rule. Permits shall include exceptions to the length limits in 16.7(2) and 16.8(2) for docks up to 300 feet long that were lawfully installed and maintained before the effective date of the length limits. Permits shall include exceptions to the hoist limit in 16.7(3) and 16.8(3), and to the platform size limit in 16.7(4) for docks and hoists that were lawfully installed and maintained before the effective date of the limits.

16.9(2) An exception to the offset requirements in 16.3(3) shall be granted if the applicant can satisfy all three of the following criteria:

- a.* The lack of offset on one side of the property is compensated for by a larger offset on the other side of the property;
- b.* The applicant provides the department with a copy of the written consent of each affected adjoining property owner or an affidavit attesting that the affected adjacent property owner named in the affidavit has verbally given the applicant consent for the requested exception, or provides adequate documentation that the adjoining shoreline parcel is burdened by restrictive covenants, easements, or other valid use restrictions which impose on the owner of the parcel an obligation to tolerate docks and hoists that would otherwise violate the offset or gap requirements in 16.3(3); and
- c.* The applicant demonstrates that no other dock or hoist configuration is physically practical.